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training is available till the people get the education. It is open. I will have to say that it is very...

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Kennedy, I represent 8 1/2 counties that is a sparsely populated area of which they are very concerned about this bill and I think very much in favor of it, as I am, but I would want to ask you again, if you are mandating services, if you are mandating training, you are also going to pay for and provide that training.

SENATOR KENNEDY: If that requirement is made, the Board shall make a decision to do that. They also will have to make a decision, do they have enough money available and, if they do not, they will come and make a request to this state or to the federal for a grant.

SENATOR MILLS: And that training right now is going through the Community Technical Colleges from the Department of Motor Vehicles through the Nebraska Transportation Safety Act, is that correct?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Not all training, but the majority of it.

SENATOR MILLS: And they are, probably, out of...somewhat out of money?

SENATOR KENNEDY: They are always wanting more money, if that's putting the question back to you correctly.

SENATOR MILLS: That's nothing new for the Democrats and the bureaucrats and the...I just want to make sure that you are going to provide that training for these people that you are saying have to have it, though.

SENATOR KENNEDY: The money will be up to how much training, how much money is available and then the request will come from the Board.

CLERK: Mr. President, a motion on the desk. I move to amend LB 418 on Page 13, line 19, strike 500 and insert 3,000. Signed Dennis L. Rasmussen.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen, could we keep debate focused on this precise amendment, 500 to 3,000.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: As you notice, the Committee amendments struck on Page 13 the less than 3,000, in section 22. As you will note, it says, the Department with the advice of the Board may, whenever it deems and so forth and et cetera, and it gets down...and I can't see as long as the Board, the Department and the Board is going to be able to make this waiver, what would be wrong with putting in there a population of less than 3,000, if it would create an undue hardship. Now Senator Mills brought in a good point. Right away, and we do it, maybe not daily, but very often we are telling these volunteers what they have got to do and, in my opinion, they are no longer volunteers then. We are telling them they have to have so much schooling but we tell them that they have to have that before we come up with the money. I would ask for the adoption of this amendment.